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"KANT'S" REPORT OF VAN HELJENOORT'S PLAN TO LEAVE FOR FRANCE TO HEAD FRENCH TROTSKYIST ORGANISATION: FULL DETAILS REQUIRED (1945)

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To MAJ[i].

At the beginning of February of this year "KANT"[ii] reported that VAN HELJENOORT [VAN KhEJDZhENRUT][iii] intended leaving for FRANCE to head the French Trotskyist organisation. Report [1 group unrecovered]:

1. How are things going as regards VAN's[iv] departure?
2. By what route does VAN intend to travel to FRANCE?
3. From whom is he counting on receiving assistance during his trip?
4. What is the extent of "KANT's" knowledge about the plan for VAN's trip? If [iv] VAN's trip remains realisable and can be decided upon definitely, get "KANT" to take up this question in real earnest so that he knows all the details of the preparation for the trip.

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- Footnotes: [i] MAJ: Stepan Zakharovich APRESYaN.
- [ii] KANT: Mark ZBOROWSKI. Formerly covername "TYuL'PAN", ie "TULIP".
- [iii] VAN HELJENOORT: Jean Louis Maxime VAN HELJENOORT. In 1946 he was reported to be Secretary of the International Secretariat of the (Trotskyist) Fourth International.
- [iv] Although the sense is clear, there is evidence that a word has been omitted here, eg "the plan for VAN's trip".
- [v] VIKTOR: Lt General Pavel Mikhajlovich FITIN.

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